## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

NEW ENGLAND CARPENTERS HEALTH BENEFITS FUND, PIRELLI ARMSTRONG RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS TRUST; TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE FUND OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY; and PHILADELPHIA FEDERATION OF TEACHERS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND,

C.A. No. 1:05-CV-11148-PBS

Plaintiffs,

v.

FIRST DATABANK, INC., a Missouri corporation; and McKESSON CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,

Defendants.

## PLAINTIFFS' REPLY MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEAVE TO FILE A CLASS REPLY MEMORANDUM OF 25 PAGES

Plaintiffs respectfully submit the following reply memorandum in support of its motion to file a 25 page reply in support of class certification.

1. McKesson is correct that at the February 9, 2006 status conference, plaintiffs' counsel did suggest ten pages on reply. Plaintiffs did so believing that there was not much to argue about on class certification. This is a case where First DataBank and McKesson, with the flick of a computer switch, changed the WAC-AWP spread on hundreds of brand name drugs, the impact of which was to without question immediately raise prices to consumer and TPPs. There were no public reports, OIG, GAO or other publicity about the scheme. Knowledge did not seem to be a credible issue. Certification seemed that it could be succinctly addressed.

2. In response to plaintiffs' class motion on behalf of a consumer and TPP class, McKesson filed the following: (1) a 20 page opposition, (2) a 17 page "proffer of evidence" citing 60 plus exhibits, and (3) a 78 page expert report that contains 125 paragraphs and 154 footnotes.<sup>1</sup>

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3. It is impossible to do justice to the issues raised by McKesson in 10 or 15 pages. Plaintiffs worked diligently, trying to minimize the burden on the Court, and 25 pages was the result.

Given the importance of the issues and a scheme that effected hundreds of brand named drugs (over 1400 NDCs) resulting in billions in overpayments by the consumer and TPP class, plaintiffs request that the motion be granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs are perplexed by McKesson's claim it did not file a 78 page report. (*See* McKesson opposition ¶ 3.)

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Steve W. Berman, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above document was served on the attorney of record for each party via the Court's electronic filing system this 20th day of March, 2007.

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